

(b) if so, whether Government have any alternate plan to the various suggestions of Road Safety Forum;

(c) what are the salient points of the alternate plan;

(d) the reasons for the failure of such a plan to reduce fatal accidents on NH-5; and

(e) the steps proposed to review the entire process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Various measures for improvement of road safety have been carried out on NH-5 based on suggestions/demand from local representatives and Road Safety Forum. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has undertaken Safety Audit of the four laned National Highway under Golden Quadrilateral between Gundugulanu to Tunl in Andhra Pradesh.

Bad State of NHs in the country

990. **SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI:** Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the condition of National Highways is pathetic in other States of the country also including Bihar;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to carry out the qualitative improvement therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Some of the National Highways sections in the country are affected by damages like cracking, potholes, erosion of berms, ravelling etc. due to heavy traffic, overloading, climate etc. National Highways in country including Bihar are being maintained in traffic worthy condition within available resources.

(c) The development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process. In order to carry out qualitative improvement, the

Government has taken up National Highways Development Project (NHDP), Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North Eastern region (SARDP-NE) for National Highways. These are in addition to the other routine development works of balance National Highways.

Conversion of State Highways into NHs in Tamil Nadu

991. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of State Highways declared as National Highways in Tamil Nadu during the last three years;

(b) the progress of work in such stretches of newly declared National Highways;

(c) by when they would have all the facilities of National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The following State Roads have been declared as National Highways during the last three years:—

- i. Thanjavur-Ulunderpettai
- ii. Nagercoil-Kavalkinaru
- iii. Coimbatore-Karnataka border
- iv. Dindigul-Theni

(b) The present status of works on newly declared National Highways is as under:—

NH	Name of work	Sanctioned (in Lakhs)	Status Cost
1	2	3	4
67 Ext.	(i) Strengthening from Km. 220/0 to Km. 229/0	199.47	Completed in Sep., 2005